

HawkWatch Schedule 2006

Friday, September 22nd

7:00pm: - Friday Nite Program, “ Owl Game Show” Karla Kinstler, Houston Nature Center

Learn about owls game show style! Can you name that hoot? Pick an owl feather out of a line-up? How about identify an owl by its silhouette or the sounds it makes? Well, you'll be able to after you experience this hands-on program. Alice the Great Horned Owl, the owl responsible for gaining protection for her species in Minnesota, will also be on hand to reveal the ins and outs of her species.

(indoor auditorium)

Owl Prowl — Following the “Owl Game Show”

Join us for a different kind of hooting and hollering? Spend the evening calling for owls! We could see or hear Eastern Screech-Owls, Barred Owls, and Great Horned Owls. We'll spend a short time discussing how to call in owls and the sounds they make, then we'll head out on the trails to call for owls. Please wear clothes that don't make noise when you move if possible, and bundle up! Children Welcome!

Saturday, September 23rd:

8:00 - Bird Hike

Join Upper Iowa Audubon’s birding expert Dennis Carter for an early morning hike to find different species of songbirds, duck, raptors and others. This hike is a great warm up for HawkWatch!

9:00 - Video, Eagle & The Hawk

While we are setting up for HawkWatch, enjoy ‘Eagle & The Hawk’ — Academy award-winning actress Joanne Woodward and her daughter, Nell Newman, watch as wildlife expert Morlan Nelson prepares to set free a Red-tail Hawk.

(indoor auditorium)

10:00 - The Wonder of Owls University of Minnesota Raptor Center.

Do all owls hunt at night? Can they really turn their heads all the way around? Why are their eyes so big? Learn the answers to these and other questions about our mysterious friends the owls. This program will include live owls. **(outdoor amphitheater**, located directly behind the visitor center).

11:00 - “The Secret Life of Alice the Owl”

Alice the Great Horned Owl was permanently injured at the tender age of three weeks. Even though she grew up thinking she's a human, she still has the full array of basic owl instincts. Get an inside look into how she applies these instincts to her cushy life in captivity. In this video you'll get to see Alice showering and bathing, caching and "killing", eating and drinking, hooting and preening, and much, much more. You'll also find out the gory details of why owls do not make good pets. Alice and her handler, **Karla Kinstler**, will be on hand to add commentary to the video and answer questions. **(indoor auditorium)**

12:00 – “Hawk ID for Beginners”, Mike Havlik

This program will give you the basics on identifying different hawks in flight. Take this opportunity to learn some key fieldmarks in a fun atmosphere, and create your own id. guide. **(indoor auditorium)**

1:00 – “Hunters of the Sky”, Kay Neumann - SOAR

Kay will talk about birds of prey basics. Keen eyesight, a specially equipped beak, and strong talons set raptors apart as hunters. Join Kay with several Red-tailed, for a closer look at what makes raptors unique and essential links in the natural food chain. **(outdoor amphitheater**, located directly behind the visitor center).

2:00 - Raptors of the Midwest

Explore the various raptors found in the midwest, the biomes in which they are found, and their role within each unique ecosystem. Learn about the positive and negative impact humans have on our environment and are inspired by some of our greatest environmental success stories, such as those of the peregrine falcon and the bald eagle. You will leave feeling inspired and empowered, having learned specific things they can do to help protect raptors and the environment. **(outdoor amphitheater**, located directly behind the visitor center).

3:00 - ‘Wings on the Wind’ Dianne Moller, Hoo's Woods Raptor Center, WI.

A one hour program including 3 live raptors featuring a bald eagle and two other birds. This program is "up-close and personal" creating an atmosphere for learning about raptors and their roles in our ecosystem. As a licensed falconer, Dianne will also be presenting one of her birds used in falconry- the ancient sport of training and hunting with a bird of prey. **(outdoor amphitheater**, located directly behind the visitor’s center).

Sunday, September 24th:

9:00 - Video: Raptors with Morley Nelson

While we are setting up for HawkWatch, enjoy ‘World of Raptors – with Morley Nelson’ in the visitor’s center indoor auditorium.

10:00 - “Big Owls Hoot, Little Owls Toot!” by Mike Havlik

Join legendary presenter Mike Havlick for a fun and factual look at owls! Owls hold a special place in our lives, dating back to Greek mythology. Get to know some of these nocturnal predators, their incredible adaptations to night-hunting, and find out why they have such a strong presence in our myths & legends. (outdoor amphitheater, located directly behind the visitor center).

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We will introduce several different species of raptors and explain where they live and the things that impact there environment. We will discuss heavy metals (lead, mercury, chromium, and silver) what we have that contains this type of metal. We will discuss the impact to our environment on different species of raptor including Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, California condor. We’ll also take a look at West Nile Virus and the impact it has had on populations. **(outdoor amphitheater**, located directly behind the visitor center).

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4:00 - End of HawkWatch for 2006! Come back next year, on the 1st weekend of October for HawkWatch 2007: “A River Runs Through It — Migration on the Mighty Mississippi”

